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SATELLITE BEACH WOMAN SENTENCED
TO 18 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR BANK EMBEZZLEMENT

ORLANDO - United States Senior District Court Judge G. Kendall Sharp yesterday sentenced Deborah Susan Rippel, age 39, of Satellite Beach, Florida, to 18 months' imprisonment and ordered her to pay restitution of \$165,766.62 in connection with her embezzlement from First Union National Bank where she had been employed. The sentence also calls for Rippel to serve a five-year period of supervised release and pay a \$300 special assessment.

Rippel pled guilty on August 25, 2003, to three counts charging her with embezzlement of funds by a bank employee. According to court documents, Rippel used her position as a bank employee to make unauthorized loans and transfers of money to herself. Through her actions, Rippel caused a loss to First Union National Bank in the amount of \$165,766.62.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg.

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